On occasion, I am able to sponsor a high school student for the United States Congressional Page Program. Congressional Pages work for weeks in the summer or months during the school year on and around the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

Pages serve principally as messengers. They carry documents between the House and Senate, Members' offices, committees, and the Library of Congress.

They also prepare the House and Senate chambers for each day's business by distributing the

Congressional Record
and other documents related to the day's agenda, assist in the cloakrooms and chambers; and when Congress is in session, they sit near the dais where they may be summoned by Members for assistance.

In the House, pages also raise and lower the flag on the roof of the Capitol.

This prestigious program is highly competitive, and only high school sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply.

Please contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-2823 to obtain an application.

Eligibility and Application

Eligibility for the Page Program during the academic year is limited to high school juniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher in the core academic subjects. Applicants for the summer program may include rising juniors or rising seniors. All applicants must be at least sixteen years old by the date they begin their Page term.   **A student who is related to a sitting Member of Congress may not serve as a Page.**

Applicants for both summer and the school-year page program, must submit a completed page application to their Member of Congress. Along with the application form, the following items are required:

- Social Security number,
- signed parental consent form,
- official transcript of all   high school grades to date (from 9th grade through the first semester of   the current year),
- a 50-100 word essay on why   you want to be a Congressional page,
- resume of extracurricular   activities,
- three letters of   recommendation,
- a letter of support from   Congressman John Barrow.

Life of a Congressional Page

House pages are paid at the annual rate of $20,181. Automatic, monthly deductions are taken from their salaries for federal and state taxes, Social Security, and a residence hall fee of $400, which includes five breakfasts and seven dinners per week.

The pages are required to live in the supervised House Page Dormitory near the Capitol. They are responsible for the cost of their uniforms - navy jackets, dark grey slacks or skirts, long

sleeve white shirt, and black shoes - and transportation to and from Washington, DC.

During the school year, they are educated in the House Page School located in the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. The page school, which is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, offers a junior-year high-school curriculum, college preparatory courses, and extracurricular and weekend activities. Classes are usually held five days a week, commencing at 6:45 a.m., prior to the convening of the House.

Once you have completed your application, you may send all required materials to:

Congressman John Barrow

Attn: Congressional Page Program Coordinator

213 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

You can find our application for the July Page Session [here](#) . Please fill out the form and fax to our office, care of Luke Moses, at 202-225-3377. Applications are due by May 17, 2009. For "Congressional Sponsor," please write "John Barrow."